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1 Q. Any tape recording made of the 2 conversation?

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A. I don't think so. No. I don't think -- I don't know if that's legal to do in Florida anyway, but I don't think there was any tape recording, no. No.

- Q. Any contemporaneous memorandum created or other documents memorializing the contents of the conversation, to your knowledge?
- 10 A. I suspect there may have been. I don't 11 know.
- 12 Q. Other than that instance that was described to you by Mr. Bentley, are there any 13 14 other instances in which your aware of an Abbott representative attempting to sell its product 15 based upon the difference between reimbursement 16 17 amounts and acquisition cost? 18 MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

19 A. Not to me. I don't -- I wasn't privy 20 to those discussions for instance with the

hospital or hospital pharmacy. I don't know.

But I would think that hospitals would still be

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interested in that, certainly in the '80s DRGs 1 2 were coming into their own, but many private insurance companies still paid on list prices and 4 that sort of thing. 5

Q. The information that you described to me about acyclovir and the difference between either direct price, if it's AWP or it's AWP and it's cost, is that all information that Mr.

9 Bentley provided to you or did you obtain any of that information in any other way? 10

11 A. You're probably better off asking him. 12 But it was my understanding or recollection of this that those prices were sent to us either 13

14 directly from Abbott or through a GPO that Abbott

was working with that I think we were part of. 15 16 I'd be much better on that if I had the document

17 in front of me, obviously.

18 Q. Well, my question actually relates to your knowledge as opposed to Mr. Bentley's or 19

20 broader than that. Do you have any source of knowledge of this event other than through Mr. 21

22 Bentley? MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

A. I would say that just based -- I mean, I have knowledge of the paperwork that was generated surrounding it. And I don't know -- I don't have the documents in front of me. There are prices represented on documents that I have looked at. And I believe as I recall there was a fax from Dennis Walker that I have looked at. That would be my knowledge.

Q. So there are documents and there's a conversation with Mr. Bentley that form the basis of your knowledge. My question is are there any other sources of knowledge for this particular event for you?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

16 A. Well, not that I know of right now.

17 Q. You're familiar with the term marketing the spread, correct? 18

19 A. I am.

> Q. Is it your understanding that the manner in which hospitals are reimbursed is such that marketing the spread is not relevant to

hospital purchases of IV fluids?

2 MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 3 A. I would say no. That would not be my understanding, no. 4

Q. Really? How is marketing the spread relevant to the sale of IV fluids to hospitals?

A. Well, I think you have to look at it historically. Prior to the 1980s, prior to DRGs being invented, diagnostic related grouping reimbursement by Medicare, hospitals were routinely billing the government and everyone, I assume, based on some type of list price type 12 13 thing. I don't have the actual billings in front 14 of me.

Q. Wait a minute. It's your understanding that hospitals were filling out their cost reports based upon list price rather than based upon their actual invoice cost?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

20 A. My understanding of this is that prior to DRGs hospitals didn't fill out a bunch of cost 21 22 reports.

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1 Q. It's your understanding that hospitals 2 under Medicare Part A were not filling out cost 3 reports prior to DRGs?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

A. I'm not trying to tell you I'm the world's expert on that. But cost reports, in my understanding, are an entity that came along with diagnostic related grouping and that hospitals were asked to give their cost reports and they were evaluated and then a DRG payment was assigned in that hospital.

But when I started practicing that was very much in its infancy. If you had Blue 13

14 Cross/Blue Shield insurance, private insurance,

which a significant number of patients had back 15

16 then -- it was cheaper -- or any private

17 insurance at that point in time, the hospital had

18 the ability to bill that insurance company on

19 whatever it wanted to bill on. And it's my

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to bill based on list prices. 21

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Q. You do understand that hospital 22

1 Q. But it's your understanding that --2 well, when did DRGs come into effect?

3 MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

A. My recollection is the early '80s.

Q. So this lawsuit of course relates to

6 1991 through 2001, correct? 7

A. Yes, sir.

8 Q. And Texas relates to what period of

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A. I don't know the limits of that.

Q. Some longer period of time, I assume? 11

A. I don't know.

13 Q. During all times relevant to this 14 particular lawsuit hospitals have been paid based 15 upon DRGs, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 16

A. Yes, that would be correct. 17

Q. Is there any way to your knowledge that

19 Abbott could market the spread to hospitals for

20 their IV fluids if the hospitals are being

21 reimbursed based upon DRGs?

A. Yes, sir. Based upon the hospital's 22

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services are paid under Medicare part A, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

A. Well, you're talking about Medicaid.

O. Yes.

5 A. I'm talking about, in the discussion I 6 was just having, about private insurance.

Q. Leave aside for a moment private insurance. You understand that this particular lawsuit relates to Medicare and Medicaid

10 reimbursement, correct?

A. I understand that, yes.

Q. So for a moment let's set aside private insurance. Is it your understanding that at all relevant times since 1968, hospital services have

been paid by Medicare part A? 15

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

17 A. I think so. But I don't know -- I

18 wouldn't hold myself out to be an expert on that

billing that was occurring in 1970. But it was 19

20 my understanding that cost reporting is something

that came along with DRGs that came in much 21

22 later. reimbursements by private insurance companies,

2 which was a significant portion of hospital

3 billings and probably still is a significant

portion of hospital billings. Now, as private

5 insurance tried to emulate Medicare, I'm sure

there are a variety of ways that billing has 7 occurred.

8 But a huge portion of the hospital

9 marketplace during the time of this lawsuit was

based on private insurance payments where 10

11 charging list prices for anything was fairly

common. I think everybody is aware of the \$5 12

aspirin concept from hospitals. So that do I 13 14

think hospitals were able to bill list prices to private insurance during the course of this 15

16 lawsuit? My answer to that would be yes.

17 Now, there's another aspect of hospital 18 billing which is private insurance based, which

19 is outpatient, and in particular outpatient

20 chemotherapy and those sorts of things. I think 21 some people have a mistaken idea that all that

outpatient chemotherapy occurs in oncologist's 22

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offices, that certainly the hospital in Key West, 2 which is a small hospital, bearing between 80 and 3 120 beds or so in general at any one point in 4 time, had an outpatient department where they

delivered chemotherapy to patients and they 6 billed private insurance.

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In fact it was right next to the outpatient department where I took my outpatient surgery patients. So it was common for me to 10 walk by and see a patient receiving an infusion. And if they had private insurance during the time 11 we're talking about it's my understanding that it 12 13 would be very common for the hospital to bill 14 list price to the insurance company for those IV 15

fluids that they were using. Now, I understand that that may or may not impact Medicare. But it certainly impacts the hospital's bottom line. I don't know exactly what the national average of Medicare patients is in hospitals. But I would guess it's 50 percent -- government sponsored patients is 50 or 60 22 percent.

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But I'll bet about everybody in this room has got private insurance and that if you had to go to the hospital and be treated in their outpatient department that the hospital would bill your private insurance, and if they could, unless it was previously negotiated, they would bill list price, would be my expectation.

Q. So it's your testimony that Abbott had an opportunity to market the spread for IV fluids to hospitals, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

12 A. I believe there was an opportunity for 13 that in the private insurance marketplace 14 certainly in the early '90s and as private insurance has evolved, I don't know where that is 15 16 right now.

17 Q. Are you aware of any evidence that 18 Abbott did market the spread for these products 19 to any hospital?

20 MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

- 21 A. They didn't market it to me. No.
 - Q. I'm asking you a different question.

A. Okay.

Q. Are you aware of any evidence that Abbott did market the spread to any hospitals?

A. Including Abbott documents that I've

4 5 seen?

Q. Let's start with your personal knowledge and not from documents you've reviewed in the context of this case.

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

10 A. I would say in my personal knowledge I don't have evidence of that. But in the Abbott 11 documents I reviewed during the course of this 12 13 case I have seen evidence of that, yes.

14 Q. Can you point me to specific documents?

A. I'm sure I could if I had those 15 available to me or if perhaps I was allowed to by 16 17 my attorneys that I could show you a number of

documents that in my mind clearly show evidence

of Abbott marketing the spread to a variety of 19

20 different types of customers, including nursing

21 homes, nursing home chains, large providers in

22 general, very large providers, detailed computer

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analyses of the spread, the profit benefit of 1 2 using Abbott's pharmaceuticals over using Baxter 3 or Magaw's pharmaceuticals or someone else's, 4

those type of detailed computer analyses.

5 Q. Were those provided to a hospital? 6 MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

A. I looked at a lot of documents. I'll have to think for a minute. I'm trying to run through a catalog of those documents in my mind.

Q. I can short circuit that. Is it fair 11 to say that to the extent that you've reviewed any evidence in this case your memory would be 12 imperfect in terms of trying to remember what 13 14 evidence supports what particular allegation sitting here at the deposition without those

15 16 documents?

17 A. Yes. I would say that I can't

18 necessarily remember all of the documents I've

19 looked at, or the ones that I think would be 20

responsive to questions about Abbott marketing 21 the spread to hospitals or others.

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Q. And you would agree with me that when

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we're talking about your personal experience and personal knowledge, you would have a better grasp 2 3 of that, one would hope? 4

MR. BREEN: Objection.

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- A. Sure, although it's been a few years -there's no question about that -- at this point.
- Q. Do you have any personal knowledge whatsoever about Abbott marketing the spread?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

- 10 A. No one from Abbott has marketed the spread to me or -- other than Mr. Bentley, 11 12 someone that I can clearly think of in my personal recollection, right now. I can't think 13 14 of any.
- 15 Q. Have you seen Abbott market the spread? MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 16
- 17 A. I can't say that with my eyes other than by looking at the documents that I have seen 18 19 it.
- 20 Q. And have you in any other way, whether 21 hearing, smelling, tasting, feeling, perceived Abbott marketing the spread other than reading

me with an Abbott drug and market the spread on those, other than Mr. Bentley, none that I can think of, no.

- Q. You understand that there are published prices for all of the drugs involved in both the DOJ and the Texas litigation, correct?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- Q. Do you have personal knowledge of how Abbott set any of those prices?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

- A. Meaning was I there when Abbott set the price, wherever that was? No. I wasn't there. I have some general understanding of manufacturers setting prices in the marketplace.
- O. Is that specific to Abbott?
- 16 A. I would say it's more general knowledge 17 about how manufacturers set prices in the marketplace. 18
- 19 Q. How did you come to that understanding 20 of how manufacturers set prices in the 21 marketplace?
- 22 A. Well, I think, going back to being a

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- documents in this case?
 - MR. BREEN: Objection, form.
- 3 A. Well, not that I'm aware of right now.
 - Not that I can answer to. No.
 - Q. What's your understanding of what the drugs are that are involved in the Texas case?
- 7 A. The Texas case involves some IV fluids. some infusion drugs, some oral drugs, which are mainly erythromycin type drugs, and I think some 9
- nutritionals that are like Pedialyte and some 10
- 11 other more high tech drugs that are marketed by Abbott, PPD. I cannot give you a complete list. 12
- My recollection is it's -- it may be several 13
- 14 hundred drugs. I don't -- I can't tell you right 15 now.
- 16 Q. As to the drugs in the Texas case, do 17 you have any personal knowledge of whether Abbott 18 marketed the spread for those drugs?
- 19 MR. BREEN: Objection, form.
- 20 A. Well, other than documents that I have seen where I think Abbott was marketing the 21
- spread in my personal -- did anyone ever come to

- 1 physician, certainly I was always under the
- 2 impression that manufacturers set their own
- 3 prices. I mean, it wouldn't make sense that they
- would do anything else. If I were writing a
- 5 prescription for something, if a drug rep is here
- I would think that the price that my patient
- 7 would pay for that drug would be in some way
- related to what Abbott had set its price for or 8
- 9 any other drug company, for that matter, so that
- I had I would say a general concept in my mind as 10
- 11 a physician that if a drug costs \$5 a pill that a significant portion of that \$5 a pill was related 12
- 13 to where the manufacturer set the price.

14 I understand that there are others in 15 the supply chain, retailers and wholesalers, who I very well would expect to make some kind of a 16

- 17 profit on the transaction, but that whether a
- 18 drug cost \$5 a pill or \$2 a pill was in some way 19 related to the manufacturer setting the price.
- 20 As I became more familiar with what was going on in Ven-A-Care I learned things about Red 21
- Book, a pricing compendia, and read what they

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- said about some things. I looked at what I could
- 2 from First Databank and other pricing compendia.
- 3 And occasionally we were able to obtain older
- 4 compendia that sometimes described how prices
- were set in one way, and more recent compendia
- 6 that really showed how prices were at least
- 7 represented perhaps in a different way.

So that through reading and understanding about the marketplace I think I developed some understanding of how prices are

10 represented in the marketplace by manufacturers. 11 12

Q. And you obtained that understanding through essentially research, correct? 13

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

- A. Yes, I would say that would be true.
- Q. Do you have any personal knowledge 16 17 about any Abbott marketing activities whatsoever?
- 18 MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
- 19 A. Well, other than the ones that I've
- 20 previously described, already testified to, I
- 21 can't think of any others right now, other than
 - what I've talked about.

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- Q. Do you have personal knowledge of any of the Abbott marketing activities that you've already talked about? 4
 - MR. BREEN: Objection, form.
- 5 A. I guess, you know, what I would describe as Abbott representatives in the
- 7 hospital and around that sort of thing, I assume
- 8 that's personal knowledge.
- Q. Do you have any personal knowledge regarding Abbott's communications with compendia? 10
- MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 11
- 12 A. Other than documents in this lawsuit, I
- 13 would say no. Or these lawsuits, I would say no. 14 Q. Do you have any personal knowledge of
- Abbott's communications with any state or federal 15
- health care programs? 16
 - MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
- 18 A. Other than documents in these lawsuits.
- 19 I would say no.
- 20 MR.COOK: The form objection, Jim, just
- so I might be able to refine my questions, what 21 22
 - is it?

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- 1 MR. BREEN: Well, you're using the term 2 personal knowledge in each of your questions.
- 3 And I just think that creates a certain amount of 4
 - ambiguity.
 - MR. COOK: Okay. I can clear that up.
- 6 MR. BREEN: I don't want to mince
- 7 words, but what is personal knowledge to a
- 8 layperson.
- 9 BY MR. COOK:
- 10 Q. What do you understand personal
- knowledge to refer to when I ask you the question 11
- whether you have personal knowledge of something? 12
- 13 A. That's a good question. Because I was 14 asking you whether it's related to -- the
- knowledge I have of documents in this lawsuit is 15
- to me very personal knowledge, whereas if you're 16
- 17 describing activities other than in this lawsuit
- as being my personal knowledge, then that would
- probably be a different thing. And that's why 19
- 20 I'm trying, at least, to differentiate those.
- 21 Q. Sure. To resolve Mr. Breen's concern,
- 22 if we could agree that for purposes of our

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- discussion I am trying to differentiate between 1
- 2 things that you have personally observed, seen,
- 3 heard, touched, smelled or tasted as your
- personal knowledge, and I'm differentiating that
- 5 from knowledge that you have obtained through
- 6 speaking to witnesses who have observed that
- 7 event or documents relating to those events --
- 8 A. Okay.
- 9 Q. -- specifically documents in this
- particular case. And to the extent that any
- particular knowledge falls in a gray area, I'd 11
- appreciate it you raising it for me. But is that 12
- 13 a distinction that you think we can work with?
- 14 A. I will try to do that with you, yes, sir.
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- 16 Q. Sure. Do you have any personal
- knowledge of any misstatements that have been 17
- 18 made by Abbott?
- A. Well, I guess I believe that I've read 19
- 20 a large number of misstatements about
- pharmaceutical pricing in Red Book or other 21
- compendia. Whether that fits your definition of 22

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1 couple of different sources.

- 2 Q. If you would turn your attention to 3 Exhibit Abbott 414D, do you recognize Exhibit 4 Abbott 414D?
 - A. Yes, sir.

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- 6 Q. What is that?
- 7 A. It is the fourth amended complaint filed in this lawsuit in the Southern District of 8 9 Florida.
- 10 Q. Did you participate in the decision whether to file the fourth amended complaint 11 that's marked as Exhibit Abbott 414D? 12
- 13 A. Yes, sir.
- 14 Q. What role did you have in making the decision to file this amended complaint? 15
- A. Once again, I discussed changes that 16 17 were made in this complaint or this amendment and 18 discussed how we would present it, what we would
- 19 talk about, proofreading it. I suspect I was
- 20 involved in creating some of the charts, or at
- least in digging out information that was placed 21
- in the charts and bringing all that together with 22

Page 196 A-Care's insider prices and the prices that were

- available for us to buy these products at.
- Q. But you don't know whether Ven-A-Care actually paid any of those prices for any of the drugs that are the subject of this lawsuit, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

A. At this point in time I don't know. I don't know if we -- we did buy some products and/or had some products available that when we went to discuss the case with the Department of Justice or with the state where we might show them what an IV bag of fluid looked like for demonstration purposes.

So we bought some for that purpose. Whether we were using old ones that we bought previously or whether we ordered new ones in 2002 or in and about that time frame, I don't recall. I don't know. But we occasionally had some that we showed to government entities so they'd understand what we were talking about. Q. You would agree with me, would you not,

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the attorneys and giving it to them and working with them on what would be this final product.

Q. Are any of the allegations made in Exhibit Abbott 414D based upon your personal knowledge?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

- A. Well, once again, I guess it depends how we define personal knowledge. But I think my answer to that is no. I think it's Ven-A-Care's information and --
- 11 Q. When you say Ven-A-Care's information, you're referring to information that 12 representatives of Ven-A-Care gleaned from third 13 party sources, correct? 14

15 MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

16 A. Well, I think we gleaned the 17 information from the prices available to Ven-A-Care. These were confidential trade secret 18

- 19 information. I think even Abbott has declared
- these prices to be trade secrets. And we had a 20
- number of different sources from which we could 21

get that information. But they were clearly Ven-

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1 that any purchases that Ven-A-Care made of Abbott 2 products after 1996 were not to administer to a 3 patient, but were for demonstrative purposes in 4 connection with your litigation activities?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

A. I don't know, because I can't tell you exactly when Ven-A-Care saw its last patient. I don't know when that date was. My recollection is we treated some patients after 1996. But I don't have that information with me right now that I could tell you the answer to. And I'm probably not the best person to know the answer to that.

13 Q. Leaving aside the few patients that Ven-A-Care treated after 1995, 1996, would you agree with me that any other purchases made of Abbott products would have been made solely for the purpose of obtaining demonstrative exhibits for Ven-A-Care's litigation purposes? MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

A. I can tell you we did buy some products 21 22 -- whether it was Abbott's or not, I don't know -

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only people who knew the real prices were pharmacy insiders who were getting those prices.

Q. In fact the trade secrets to which you referred to are prices offered by GPOs to any pharmacy that wants to join the GPO, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

- A. That would be one form of prices. There are also prices you can get directly from a wholesaler.
- 10 Q. And those would be offered to any infusion pharmacy or a pharmacy that wanted to 11 purchase those drugs from the wholesaler, 12 correct? 13
- 14 A. They would be, yes.

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15 Q. And so these trade secrets that you refer to that Ven-A-Care had, they were not 16 17 unique in any way to Ven-A-Care, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

- 19 A. Well, I think to the extent that 20
- manufacturers require them to be unique, they are 21 unique to Ven-A-Care and pharmacies like Ven-A-
- 22 Care.

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1 Q. Is it your understanding that the 2 prices at which Ven-A-Care purchased drugs from a 3 wholesaler that were manufactured by Abbott were in some way unique to Ven-A-Care? 4

A. Well, I may be -- what I'm trying to say is that Ven-A-Care had its own agreement that made it a unique agreement. But I agree with you that the prices we're talking about were available to many pharmacies.

Q. And the information that Ven-A-Care provided to the government regarding the difference between those prices and published prices was not unique, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

- 15 A. Well, I guess I would disagree. I think that they were unique in that they were not 16 17 prices that were readily available to just 18 anyone.
- 19 Q. Maybe I'm misunderstanding. What's your understanding of the word "unique"? 20
- 21 A. Well, I think what I'm trying to say is that the prices that Ven-A-Care could get were 22

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- certainly prices that other pharmacies could get. 2
- And in fact from that we drew knowledge in 3 understanding the marketplace.
 - Q. But what do you understand the word "unique" to mean?

MS. BROOKER: Objection to form.

- A. I guess I'm trying to explain it in this circumstance. If that's what you want.
- Q. No. I just want to know -- when you used the word "unique" in your description of 10 Ven-A-Care's allegations, I want to know what you 11 mean by the word "unique"? 12
- A. In this reference I mean unique in that 13 14 most people didn't have them. You would have to be a pharmacy like Ven-A-Care or similar to Ven-15 A-Care in some way to have those, so that they 16 17 were not prices that were available to just anyone walking around on the street. 18
- 19 Q. Anyone walking around the street hardly 20 has need to purchase a bag of sodium chloride, 21 correct?
- 22 A. Well, from time to time they pay for

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- them as part of their care and treatment. 1
- 2 Q. But they don't purchase them, do they? 3 MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
 - A. Well, they purchase them from an infusion pharmacy or a hospital.
 - Q. There's a class of entities in this country which purchase infusion drugs from GPOs and wholesalers, correct?
 - A. Yes, sir.
- O. What is that class of entities? 10
- 11 A. Well, I think it includes pharmacies and physicians and others that have the right to 12 13 own and have those drugs for resale.
 - Q. Of that class of people who among them do not have access to the same information that Ven-A-Care had with respect to the pricing for Abbott drugs?

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

- 19 A. I believe that the other pharmacies
- 20 that were in the same class of trade as Ven-A-
- Care had the same pricing available in general 21
- 22 that Ven-A-Care had.

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Washington, DC Page 238 Page 240 publication, correct? 1 Q. So Ven-A-Care's information was unique 1 2 in the sense that all other pharmacies had access 2 A. Yes, sir. 3 3 to it? Q. And to the extent that there was 4 4 MR. BREEN: Objection to form. information contained in that report, that it 5 5 A. I think it was unique in that unless would hardly be unique to Ven-A-Care? 6 MS. BROOKER: Objection, form. 6 you were a pharmacy with that type of 7 7 information, meaning it was insider information MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 8 that most people don't have. And that you would 8 A. Well, I think that -- I'm not sure. I 9 have to be a pharmacy like Ven-A-Care to have 9 think I need -- I'm not sure I understand the that information. So it's -- I mean, it may not 10 question. Could you give it to me again? 10 Q. When you refer to unique information be unique among the pharmacies like Ven-A-Care. 11 11 But it's a unique piece of information that 12 forming the basis of Ven-A-Care's allegations 12 describes what's going on in that segment of the against Abbott, you would agree with me that 13 13 14 marketplace. 14 information contained in a Barron's article would 15 Q. I understand unique to mean one of a 15 not be unique to Ven-A-Care? kind, there is no other. Do you have a different MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 16 16 17 understanding of the word "unique"? 17 A. Well, it would not be Ven-A-Care's 18 A. Well, perhaps I should use a better information necessarily. 18 word for you or a different word. I just think 19 19 Q. If I could get you to turn to Exhibit 20 that Ven-A-Care had information that most people 20 Abbott 199. It going to be in another volume. 21 21 didn't have and that you would have to be a Volume 9. pharmacy like Ven-A-Care to have that 22 A. I'm sorry. Which tab? Page 239 Page 241 information. 1 O. Exhibit Abbott 199. 1 2 2 A. Yes. Q. Or you could read the report that's 3 marked as Exhibit Abbott 158, correct? 3 Q. Do you recognize Exhibit Abbott 199? A. I don't see anything in this report 4 A. It's a complaint it looks like filed by 4 5 that talks about Abbott's prices or what Abbott 5 the United States of America ex rel. Ven-A-Care did or didn't do or -- I don't see Abbott's name 6 6 of the Florida Keys. 7 7 in this report. Q. Have you see that document before? 8 Q. You're familiar with the June 10, 1996 8 MR. BREEN: You are saying Exhibit Barron's article entitled Hooked On Drugs that's Abbott 199, correct? 9 9 cited at page 1 of this report, correct? 10 10 MR. COOK: Yes. sir. A. Yes. I've read that article. 11 11 A. I don't know. I'm not sure. I may 12 Q. You would agree with me that the have, but I'm not sure that I've seen this. 12 information that's contained in that article was Q. Well, what I'd like to ask you is 13 13 14 hardly limited to pharmacies and infusion 14 whether there are any allegations contained in

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pharmacies, correct?

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A. You know, I have a general recollection

of what was in that article. But I don't know --

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manufacturers or not or specific drugs or

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Exhibit Abbott 199 about which you have direct

knowledge; not based upon reading someone else's

documents, not based upon somebody else telling

you about an event that occurred, but direct

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

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you read that and come back on the record and 2 I'll ask you.

3 A. Okay.

4 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: Off the record at 5 4:03.

6 (Recess.)

7 THE VIDEOGRAPHER: On the record at 8 4:16.

9 BY MR. COOK:

10 Q. Dr. Lockwood, do you have direct knowledge regarding any of the allegations 11 contained in Exhibit Abbott 199, which is the 12 13 complaint filed by the Department of Justice to 14 intervene in this case against Abbott?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

15 16 A. Well, I'm not entirely sure what you 17 mean by allegations. But what I would say is that the first page of this complaint and the 18 19 second page and certainly the third page are -- I 20 don't know if you want it call them a recital, 21 but it's the government explaining what I perceived to be Ven-A-Care's allegations in Ven-

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knowledge. I have that knowledge for Ven-A-Care or I was involved with looking at that knowledge, the prices over a period of time and the price

4 reporting by Abbott, that appears to be the very 5 foundation for this complaint.

6 There are parts of this complaint that 7 appear to be parts of the government's 8

investigation, but they are our unique knowledge and understanding of the marketplace. 10 Q. That would be the unique knowledge and

understanding that's shared by tens of thousands of pharmacies across the country, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

A. I don't know if the other pharmacies sat down and looked seriously at what Abbott was doing or not. I assume what they probably looked at was the price they could buy Abbott's products and the reimbursement that they could get from government programs. And I think that knowledge was not unique to Ven-A-Care but was probably known by every pharmacy that could buy these drugs, and/or did buy those drugs.

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A-Care's complaints.

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They're -- during the course of the complaint there are explanations I assume of a lot of the programs and there are examples of findings that I believe based on what I'm seeing came from the government's investigation of some of these drugs. And the last page, I think -let me look -- I wouldn't say last page. It's I guess Exhibit 1 would be a better description -contains Ven-A-Care's prices in the column price to relator. And the various other -- some other prices in the marketplace and the amounts of the spread and -- so that at the core of this

13 14 complaint is Ven-A-Care's pricing information. 15 And I don't know if they're 16 allegations, but whatever -- I guess allegations. 17 I'm not sure I know the legal definition of that 18 word -- of what Ven-A-Care has said was occurring 19 in the marketplace, that Abbott was reporting 20 inflated prices that induced customers to buy their drug. And that -- I don't know if you want 21

to call it my knowledge. It's Ven-A-Care's

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1 Q. So what exactly is the unique knowledge 2 that Ven-A-Care had as reflected in this 3 complaint? 4 A. Well, I think unique in that we brought

it to the government. Very specific knowledge of 6 the prices and the marketplace and the reported 7 prices that -- at least to my reading, and this 8 is -- the government's complaint, or at least all 9 I see -- it's signed by government people -- that appear to be the backbone of this complaint, to 10 11 me.

The other examples within it appear to be part of the government's investigation to me reading it now.

Q. So it's your understanding that Ven-A-Care's information wasn't unique; it was simply unique that Ven-A-Care brought it to the attention of the government?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

20 A. Well, I don't know if unique is the 21 best word. We seem to be resolving everything 22 around unique. What I would say is Ven-A-Care

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                                                                  MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
    brought information to the government about
    Abbott's false pricing, what we see as false
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                                                               A. I was not the one ordering that
    pricing, and the inducements that resulted as a
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    result of that in the marketplace. And we
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                                                               Q. So someone told you that Ven-A-Care had
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    brought that information in a complaint. And I
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    guess that makes it unique. I think. I perceive
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                                                            the product was manufactured by Abbott, correct?
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    that as unique. There certainly were other
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    pharmacies in America who could have done that as
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                                                               A. Well, I would say they didn't have to
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                                                           tell me. I've looked at Ven-A-Care's pricing
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       Q. Back to my original question, if you
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    could turn to page 1 of Exhibit Abbott 199, the
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    allegation on page 1 of the complaint as to which
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    you, Dr. Lockwood, have direct knowledge?
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          MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
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    direct and independent knowledge, not dependent
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    upon something that you learned from someone
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          MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
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                                                           knowledge that Ven-A-Care has, no.
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       A. Well, I know that Abbott's actual sale
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                                                               O. What's the earliest that Ven-A-Care
    prices for pharmaceutical products for its
                                                           purchased any of the drugs listed in the
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    pharmaceutical products listed there were far
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                                                            government's complaint listed as Exhibit Abbott
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    less than the prices reported by Abbott. I know
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    that myself.
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                                                                  MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
       Q. How do you know that?
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                                                               A. I would think at least the early '90s
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       A. By looking at Ven-A-Care's pricing
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                                                            would be the earliest I know about. Someone else
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    information.
                                                           may know about purchases earlier than that. But
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       Q. I thought you told me a minute ago that
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                                                           I think I've seen invoices -- I think. I believe
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    you don't know whether Ven-A-Care actually
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                                                           I have seen invoices of Ven-A-Care purchasing
    purchased anything from Abbott?
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                                                            Abbott's products that are in the early '90s. I
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          MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
                                                           don't have them in front of me.
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       Q. Is that true?
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                                                               Q. Prior to 1995 you've seen invoices of
                                                            Ven-A-Care purchasing drugs listed in the
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       A. No, I didn't say that, sir, no.
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       Q. So you have looked at invoices for Ven-
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                                                            complaint, Exhibit Abbott 199, prior to 1995? Is
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    A-Care having purchased pharmaceutical products
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                                                            that your testimony?
    manufactured by Abbott?
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          MR. BREEN: Objection to form.
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                                                               A. I believe I may have. I don't have
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       Q. Is that true?
                                                           those invoices in front of me. I can't match
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       A. I believe that to be true, yes.
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                                                           them up to the list of products in the list. But
       Q. Did you purchase pharmaceutical
                                                           I think I have seen some of that. I don't -- I
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                                                           think so. I would have to match up the NDC
    products?
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numbers and the invoices and see if they're the

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same or not. I don't know if they are.

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A. Ven-A-Care did.

Q. I asked whether you did.

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1 But I know that Ven-A-Care has 2 purchased Abbott IV fluids and Abbott's products

3 over the years on and off and I know they

purchased some in the early '90s and I've seen

some documentation of that. And that's kind of 6 what I know, I think.

Q. For your second day of deposition, would you be kind enough to bring copies of any invoices for any of the subject drugs that Ven-A-Care purchased?

11 A. I can look --

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12 MR. BREEN: I'll discuss that with the witness and we'll let you know. 13

14 Q. To the extent that you have knowledge of prices paid by -- you, Dr. Lockwood, have 15 knowledge of prices paid by Ven-A-Care for Abbott 16

17 drugs -- however, that wouldn't be a purchase

that you made, correct? 18

19 A. It would be a purchase Ven-A-Care made.

20 Q. All right. The reason that you have

knowledge that Abbott's actual sales prices 21

allegedly are far less than the prices reported

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by Abbott is because you've read price compendia

2 and you've locked at price lists, correct? 3

MR. BREEN: Objection to form.

A. Yes, sir. I have.

5 Q. It's not because you purchased any 6 Abbott products, correct?

7 A. I personally have not purchased any, 8 no.

9 Q. Are there any other allegations on page 1 of the complaint as to which you would contend 10 11 you have direct knowledge?

12 A. I think what is on page 1 of the 13 complaint is the information that Ven-A-Care 14 brought to the government. And there are other

locations in the complaint that Ven-A-Care 15 brought information to them. But I think this is 16

Ven-A-Care's information that's on page 1 and 17

18 other places.

19 MR. COOK: Could the court reporter 20 pleads read back the question that I asked the

witness? 21

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(Whereupon, the requested portion

was read by the reporter.) 1

2 A. I think that these -- that everything 3 written on page 1 is information that Ven-A-Care

4 has knowledge of. I don't know if you want to

5 break that down into different allegations or

6 even if they are different allegations, I don't 7

know. You'd have to tell me if they're different 8 allegations on page 1. 9

Q. My question was whether you have direct knowledge. Correct? And you're not Ven-A-Care. MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

A. Well, I guess I have represented Ven-A-Care in some way for a number of years. But --

Q. But I'm asking what you have knowledge of. And there will be other representatives of Ven-A-Care and they can tell me what they have personal knowledge of. But right now I'd like to know what you have knowledge of.

19 A. I have knowledge of Abbott reporting 20 inflated prices into the marketplace.

21 Q. We've discussed how you obtained that knowledge, by reading compendia and looking at

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price lists, correct?

A. Yes, sir.

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

Q. Are there any other allegations on this page that you contend you, Dr. Lockwood, have direct knowledge?

7 A. I think everything on page 1 is stuff that I am personally familiar with through 8 9 looking at Ven-A-Care's information.

Q. So your personally familiar with the 10 11 information contained on page 1 because you read 12 documents, correct?

MR. BREEN: Objection, form.

14 A. Well, let me read it again. I guess I can go through it line by line. If I start at 15

sentence number two, "Over the course of several 16

years Abbott reported inflated pharmaceutical 17 18 prices that it knew Medicare and Medicaid relied

19 upon to set reimbursement rates for Abbott's

pharmaceutical products." And I have looked at 20

Abbott's reported prices over a number of years 21

22 in the compendia.

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Page 375 Page 377 use for demonstrative purposes. 1 accurate? 2 O. If you would turn to Exhibit 6 of 2 MR. BREEN: Objection, form. 3 A. I would say that we made every effort 3 Exhibit 414D. to make it true and accurate, yes, sir. And it 4 A. What page? was our feeling -- there may be typos that we Q. Exhibit 6. There's no page number, 5 5 6 missed, although we tried to find all those. 6 unfortunately. It's in the back and it's a 82 page chart. 7 There may be a variety of things that are not 7 8 perfect, but we made every effort to try to do 8 A. I'm sorry. Wait. I'm still not --9 9 Exhibit 6 in -this right. 10 Q. Yes. In Exhibit 414D. Q. And then Exhibit 414D is the fourth 10 11 amended complaint filed on December 11, 2002. 11 A. D? Did you review Exhibit 414D before it was filed? 12 Q. Yes. 12 13 A. Yes, sir. 13 A. Oh, I'm sorry. I thought you said B. 14 Q. And to the best of your ability are all 14 So 414D, and which --15 of the allegations contained in Exhibit 414D true O. Exhibit 6. 15 and accurate? 16 A. Exhibit 6. And it's at the end. All 16 17 A. Yes, sir. To the best of our ability 17 right. 18 we made every effort to make these accurate and 18 Q. It's an 82 page chart with three correct, along with our attorneys. Yes. 19 columns entitled Defendant Drug and NDC Number. 19 O. In each of these successive complaints And the title of the exhibit on the top of each 20 20 21 there are later years of drug costs. In the 1999 page is All Miami Price Fraud Drugs. Do you see 21 22 complaint, for example, page 190, there are costs 22 that? Page 376 Page 378 through 1997 and in the 2002 complaint there are 1 A. Yes, sir? 2 costs alleged through 2001. Do I have that 2 Q. What does Exhibit 6 represent? 3 correct? 3 MR. BREEN: Objection to form. A. It represents a list of NDC numbers and 4 A. If you could tell me the pages. 4 Q. Oh, sure. Page 190 of Exhibit 414C. 5 drugs that Ven-A-Care felt were fraud drugs. 5 You'll see the chart goes through 1997, correct? Q. What's a fraud drug? б 6 7 A. Yes, sir. 7 A. I guess a drug that might fit or does 8 Q. And in Exhibit 414D the various charts, 8 fit the allegations in the complaint. 9 for example, on page 81, go through 2001. Do I 9 O. And what are those? have that correct? A. Do you want me to tell you again what I 10 10 11 A. Yes, sir. 11 think the complaint is about or do you want me to 12 Q. Was the relator continuing to purchase go through specific allegations --12 Q. No, sir. You used the term fraud drug. 13 products from Abbott into 2001? 13 14 A. You know, I think I talked about that 14 And each page of this chart has over a dozen 15 in my last day of deposition. And I'm not NDCs, correct? 15 exactly sure when the last patient was treated at 16 16 A. It looks like a fair number of them. 17 Ven-A-Care. But I'm thinking it was somewhere in Q. And there are 82 pages of this chart. 17 18 1998. And I do know we purchased some drugs or -18 So we're talking about --19 - I believe. I think I know that we purchased 19 A. 16.

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20 some drugs after that period of time that were

purchases. And they were purchases of drugs to

21 not used for patients, but we did make the

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Q. -- hundreds of NDCs, correct?

A. You know, my recollection is that

somewhere near a thousand give or take. It could